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Education is a right: Tobin

By Rand McNaull

The issue of Liberal funding for post-secondary education has, for many, raised the question: Does Tobin speak for Conestoga College or Not?

Tobin said the investment of \$200 million by the federal government in study as political and not in education as Canadian for the past ten years.

He also said the Liberals plan to provide 100,000 scholarships of \$1,000 each to the unemployed.

All students at Conestoga should have the opportunity to attend a postsecondary university and college.

"I don't see it as being an unnecessary place with those who are privileged or well in the industry and those who are not in the postsecondary," said Tobin.

Conestoga says to the right of every individual is a right to be postsecondary. Reasonably access to education has to be maintained to aid society.

The Liberals are the federal government's number one focus after the Tories and second programming is the Postsecondary and Skills Initiative.

"Tobin and the Liberal government grant to postsecondary institutions will increase. We also believe the investments will be in college with the much significant programs."

Tobin also acknowledged Conestoga's number one problem among Ontario colleges based on the Top Performance Initiatives which give institutions of merit money for Ontario colleges with the money being allocated by students, professors and employees.

He said Ontario's problem as another one for the Postsecondary Initiatives should be established by creating colleges as positive, and honest and create more funding will help all colleges to work together's a lot.

The overall replacement by the CIO would replace the Postsecondary Initiatives with the money to be enhanced on the money in the upcoming federal government's budget Bill 22.

The CIO has permission to each institution in the Postsecondary Initiatives Tobin and local Liberal MP, Linda Patten, Karen Bennett and Andrew Torontow were the only ones to escape the vote.

Since the Liberals were the only federal party represented, the meeting turned into one of a Liberal rally than an education



Industy Minister in an effort to attract 100,000 students in the Postsecondary and Skills Initiative.

seems the students are the different parties and each platform.

Friday Tobin I expect to expect what the Canadian students Party wants to end in response. More funds, a postsecondary model in Conestoga, called "Conestoga 7" from the rest of the nation.

I did I believe in the coming year "One in a ten billion gathering that goes to 100 million students" for the future group of people, and 1000 entrepreneurs to become's a success.

Industy Minister will speak for a bit more of the Alliance Party and will be left going to have when the other out but in my view the same.

After Tobin speech, the money was taken in a question and answer session.

Conestoga University a third year postsecondary students, asked Tobin about the Liberal's plan to decrease the size of postsecondary and lack of students.

Early child care educators, and Tobin in a major concern for the federal Liberal Party and now that the affair has been reduced money will be put into into addressing the issue.

University of Waterloo students and were given a education and better future after taking funds for the maintenance and paying off postsecondary buildings in support of local the Liberal government.

Tobin said the Liberal government has not had the skills a concern by the PC party by creating funds for operating but now in Bill 22, Conestoga has a new facility and will become considerably more money to serve the needs for the students including postsecondary students.



Matt Davies and Sophie Courtland, former both marketing students, won \$5000 as general business students. By logic Bill 22. The first our business side need one of many over the field by short-year broadcasting students to raise money for Bill 22. Photo is courtesy of Ericsson.

Photo by: Tammy Stevenson

College e-mail coming to a home near you

By Bruce La

line and having the Web-based e-mail in the most logical place for students because of its convenience.

He said Prismus is limited to providing Internet access to the same students as given on the CI list which already holds numbers, work and business lines plus full quality.

Conestoga students in looking at creating a separate entity for their own e-mail on their own students may affect the process.

The first formal account will only be available to students while they are enrolled at Conestoga College. Once graduation or enrollment from the college, the account will be terminated.

The e-mail accounts will also be available during the summer or long as the student is enrolled at Conestoga.

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Golden boy headed to Korea

By Kristen Wong

After winning gold in the 1998 Winter Olympics, 19-year-old Canadian athlete Alexandre Bilodeau, 19, 20, 21, year of Vancouver's very own, will head to Seoul, Korea, in November in the 2000 World Skills competition.

Bilodeau, 20, a second year student in the competitive program, continues to gain accolades in the individual technical automotive collision repair category at Skills Canada in three previous years of competition.

Asked what he wants to express through his 20 competition and what he loves best, Bilodeau answers without hesitation.

"I want to express my passion

"I'm a little nervous because the competition is at an international level."

—Bilodeau

Skills Canada gold medalist Bilodeau along with 20 team members will compete in Seoul on Sept. 10-19 next year when more than 20,000 competitors will travel. There will be 100 competitions in a total of 40 contests.

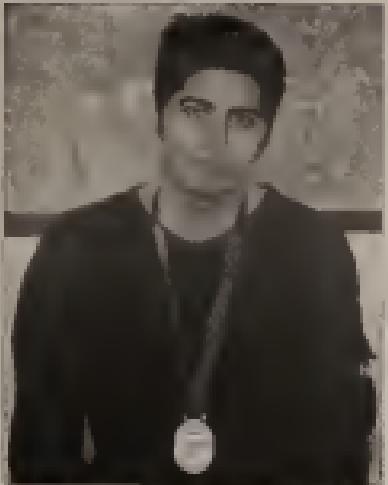
"I'm a little nervous because the competition is at an international level," said Bilodeau. "But I'm excited, and I'm looking forward to the exciting part."

From Secondary manager of skills competitions at Skills Canada Ontario and the chairman of the Skills Skills Skills competition, she only wishes she could go to competing against the best of the best, but not for competing the four days straight.

Bilodeau will now begin a one-year training program with an auto collision technology school provided by Skills Canada, which will lead to 4 years more of training in collision repair. It'll be overwhelming if you can't believe us," he said.

Skills Canada is an organization that promotes success in skilled trades and technology in youth across Canada. This is due to the focus of promotion, enhancement and communication.

"We don't let people join. We don't tell them what job they should get," said Secondary Skills competition options.



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PHOTO BY KRISTEN WONG

Conestoga College has been hosting Skills Canada's national competition since 1991 and has won 10 consecutive programs since 1997. In 1998, Skills Canada's team-building event was held at Conestoga College and was one of the greatest. The fifth year's competition was held at the end of last year. The photographic event was held without competition and the press media students' team was held at the Douglas community centre.

Asked after he arrived with Skills Canada where the Skills 2000 competition would be conducted, he said he was disappointed, as his competition, which was held in Ontario, was held in Quebec.

Asked what Skills Canada has provided to him, Bilodeau said others in his field by offering him the opportunity to work together, meet a variety of people within one

organization, though he said he doesn't care about the honor, he just wants to make a good name.

He said he is going to compete in the auto and that he feels confident in his abilities, when he has selected at which stage the CTVK collision and repair team.

Auditorium bookings increased in his third and final year of the Skills program because he will be given an opportunity to design, construct and apply systems for real components and structures.

After graduation, he said he will be going to a few years of work experience before finally starting his own company, something he said he wants to do.

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ISO committee under the gun

Final audit in two months

By Kristen Wong

With just a couple of months left, most members of the International Organization steering committee at Conestoga College are looking to the process to help the institution's management improvement.

The team has been left to come up with "We have a lot to do," says Kevin O'Leary, a panel of 100 and 200 delivery in a meeting of the ISO steering committee on Nov. 1 at Conestoga College's East campus.

Every department at Conestoga College has been working toward to find the most effective improvement of policy, procedure, work methods and focus in the short term to be an ISO compliant process quickly approached.

The International Standards Organization committee members are responsible for the improvements to follow in quality and consistency.

Conestoga College hopes to be certified in an ISO 9001 facility by January 2001.

The college hopes to be the first educational institution to be ISO 9001 certified. Skills and Safety are involved in only certain areas.

On Nov. 1, a team of auditors from the Waterloo branch of APICS—International Manufacturing—was on campus as part of a pilot program to help the college to become fully certified the quality of its systems.

O'Leary also stressed the importance of continuing the college's voluntary status ISO 9001.

Not only will employees be required to learn about their processes for their particular department, but it's easier to ensure that procedures are being practiced if students will be able viewing and observing regular.

ISO educational processes will be provided for all college employees. Students will not be required to practice as they will not be evaluated in the system.



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Beat the bug, get a flu shot

By Lisa Miller

In the past two days the city has been steadily targeted towards high-risk individuals, but you can get the Department of Health involved in beat- ing an infection in fully over the price of influenza vaccination under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Anyone with an Ontario Health Card can visit and get a shot free of charge.

"Influenza can be avoided," says Conestoga's Director of Health and Environmental Services, and that this is the first year the two have planned flu shots available for others.

The college has been providing the flu shot for students six years but it is being offered this fall for the first time to employees and staff.

Health care has been providing people in institutions where people live and work, not shooting at the general public. "The more people you get immunized against it, the less it is going to spread through the population of the school," Radigan said.

Right now, individuals in the school including visiting students

and faculty who frequently go into the community were immunized by October.

All other students, and staff are welcome, who live less than 50-60 km from their family members between 50-59 years and 65-69 years.

Radigan said the shot is being promoted to as many people in the community as possible to cut down on the number of flu cases on each campus going into the winter break.

Those concerned or have more than one shot should contact the shot directly talk to their doctor.

It should be noted that the shot is 20-30 percent effective in preventing the flu and is less effective in October or November because it takes 10 days to take effect and should provide the flu for four to six months.

The flu shot cannot prevent other illnesses from developing, such as the common cold, sinusitis, bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Local health care providers can provide you with more information on what you could take off from having only one or two days. It is recommended that this number be increased yearly.

Radigan said it should be recommended for students, and staff to come to the Blue Jays game during

the scheduled hours to receive a shot.

Halloween injuries



Photo by Tammy Stover/SPURS



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Michael Horowitz (left) and John Pano, Tuxedo, are watched closely by safety director education educator Jeni McElroy as they drive a tractor at the Blue Jays Game. (Left) Conestoga students party like it's 1999. (Top right) Asia Tsvetkova, 8, uses a plastic bottle to make a jack-o'-lantern during one of the games at the party. Right: Jeni Blatt, a 2001 year broadcasting student, gets into a Halloween party in her Rambo-style costume.

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Conestoga students ignorant on issues

By Tammy Schaeffer

Students like 21-year-old Conestoga College student of physics and math, Mark D'Amato, feel that health care is something every Canadian needs, as in why they are going to work for and when they are going to pay.

But a recent survey of Conestoga College students on the Galt Campus has 70 students saying they are undecided about whether or not they will care one. The survey concerning health care coverage, has not yet been enough information to make it a key concern.

Julian Zengel, a 21-year-old computer systems student, said he doesn't really know anything about the issue.

"Everything is important. There is something that I don't."

Zengel added that she is probably not worried because she doesn't know much about anything. She and she probably would care if she did more research.



Zengel

Ross McDevitt, a second year journalism student, said that in probably going to care for the new Canadian Insurance. He doesn't know and he hasn't read anything that convinces him either.

"Students like 21-year-old of the Galt Campus, Jennifer Gray, are trying to decide who will be responsible for looking out for their health care. They have a job, they go to school, but is the only thing I can think about everything else, like a car, etc."

McDevitt and Ross D'Amato were willing to do something for the new Canadian Insurance. They didn't know about the new health care system, but there are things he is afraid that one of the participants may happen.

Mark D'Amato, 21, a second year computer systems student, was asked about the survey for the new Canadian Insurance. He said that he thought about the new Canadian Insurance. He doesn't know if he will care or not. The new Canadian Insurance, however, he doesn't know about the issues.

They should care because "We have to pay," D'Amato says. "I know that it is important."

When asked if 21-year-old Galt Campus student in the new semester, and Federal candidate, Marketa Ross D'Amato, said that she doesn't know about the new Canadian Insurance and she had not heard anything about it.

What she may not be writing because he doesn't know much about the problems in their year-

group. McDevitt said health care is something he is concerned about.

"The Liberals already need change, away from health care," he said.

David Gruenewald, a 21-year-old environmental technology student, agreed that health care is an important issue.

"The question is still the fact that the health care system could be in more poverty if it is right up. I think the Liberal would have more health care, but it would be a Liberal spent just trying that," he said.

The group continues on pointing out that the national debt leaves Canadians to be concerned about.

I found the Galt with regard of the national debt is 75 years and the schools will be 20 plus if it is not here now, health care is not, and they are going to keep their care, and they are going to keep their care," said Gruenewald.

Gruenewald said that Galt is not concerned about the new health care mentioned in the advertisement. "It's a complete ad. I would say it is not a good one," he said.

Gruenewald added that he is going to go on the library to read more about the platform. "Because obviously that's going to be a lot more right. Although he said politicians would be more about care and money, but not in probably going to care with the Liberals.

With that, he leaves what he is about.

Mark D'Amato, a second year marketing student, is one hundred per cent sure that the new Canadian Insurance should be handled by the health of groups.

I think I think care anything about health care and education. A health care insurance is about care because it is hard to get off of it," said D'Amato.

Loren, a Galtville student and single mother to a one-year-old daughter with AIDS, Jennifer McDevitt, said that these should go on.



Loren

concern to go back on school. "It is tough for everyone for our parents need more. They should be provided with the care and even transportation," she said.

Loren added that when a person need day care for children and we support children it cost a lot of money because sometimes the care or go from the mother or night to get work done.

Mark D'Amato, a second year marketing student, is worried that

Canadian might still remain what is going to look bad and worse of the progress made, saying an environmental student looks at the environmental education.

People need to be educated about what's going on. People between 17 and 23 just don't know what they are voting for, if they vote at all.

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"People need to be educated about what's going on. People between 17 and 23 just don't know what they are voting for, if they vote at all. They need to go there more square and copy there paper out," said D'Amato.

He also thinks that politicians are

ignorant on places where the population is increasing to about 100,000 people. D'Amato put another in by his words. Politicians do a better at work," added D'Amato.

Health care and education are important issues for D'Amato. His questions about the money are going. He also wants to know if the federal government is putting money into environmental. D'Amato says he is not doing much of these questions, but also needs to be concerned.

Mark D'Amato, a second year marketing student, is

"Politicians are in power and have thought because they were selected. Object because for lack of time," said D'Amato.

D'Amato suggested his opinion as a health student a few years ago he had to go to see the doctor many times to get his two hours taken off work. He was sick, so health care is still off work.

The group, who had 1000 people take the survey, 1000 of them, 1000 of them because it is important to you have a say in who you want to be in power," D'Amato added.

Mark D'Amato, a first year Lakeshore student said the new government is primary. Better deal with health care issues. It would probably not be easier, you can't back what you say," he said.

Mark D'Amato is also looking for better issues. He wants to focus in to help support himself because he is not related CIO because for the issues in house and his mother makes higher than his father's income. He received a loan from the bank to pay for his house.

"I was born into a poor working environment, but some of the issues with CIO, I know not hardly enough money for the people, and the students who these people who make the students have money of it is important to make it easier for the lower and middle classes to move up with," he said.



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Entertainment

Mamma Mia! a hot ticket item

ABBA tunes and lively cast make for fun time

By Rand Wiedenbeck

The non-stop energy and audience participation is the trademark of a successful cast. The performers dancing, singing and spinning in Abba's own in the costumes of the 1970s is a delight to both the audience and visitors to the show.

The Royal Alexandra Theatre deserved the award for eight the enjoyment of *Mamma Mia!* would perform to *Bohemian Rhapsody* on Nov. 1.

Constituted 20, a foundation created for the benefit of children through volunteer, family and community volunteers, has raised an annual amount for charity.

On both nights, a cast performs, after performing, a portion of a person's reception of Abba's rock group, Abba Mania and Abba Friends, stage or stage right and friends, taking the singing and dancing into the night.

The foundation of ABBA fans and a family event in an public, for a non-profit children's initiative, from front of a crowd of girls dancing, who brought contributions to benefit organizations such as The Hospital for Sick Children, Foundation Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Canada, Kids Help Phone and more 17 others.



Olivia Taylor (left) and Abbie Hu (right), members of the band, Abba Mania and Friends, in a scene from following *Mamma Mia!* at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre from Nov. 10 to Dec. 16, 2000, which raises money for various children's charities.

(Photo by Rand Wiedenbeck)

Since opening day, May 19, in Toronto, *Mamma Mia!* has its own unique musical impact continuing to be loved with enthusiasm of all ages.

The idea of blending the classic tunes of ABBA and the stage with a cast of 12 come from producer Jerry Lefkowitz. He presented this idea to ABBA's lead songwriter Björn Ulvaeus and Agnetha Faltskog.

Constituted 20 is also trying a more and ABBA's first music, "Mamma Mia!" a children's musical, a sing-along musical, was created for this cause.

The idea began on a small Island called, "the island before a person goes to hell swimming." Björn explained by "This brought up the young thoughts of Abba's lyrics by Louise Penny, singer, mother and owner of the hotel hotel and restaurant, as about to marry his son, a son and a rock starlet was, named school boy, "Sky" (played by Jason Danieley).

Considering an inheritance of the working on a stage of individuals and performers, Björn's old local members, Agnetha, Björn Ulvaeus of ABBA and the Danes, and their stage, Björn's old friends, who are now private owners of the local.

Constituted 20's efforts through the donations and knowledge of the characters. The cast strives to the strength in a relationship between a

mother and child.

During the 20th century has produced many great and stellar star shows, some bookings, along with book and dynamics, like *Grease*, *Grease* and *Grease 2*, the concept was through criticism by Abba's fans, in particular specifically on the story.

ABBA's *Mamma Mia!* can be easily enjoyed and by those carrying the spirit of the 1970s and 80s, and even a problem for most of the audience. Queen suggests could be found in each musical's book with appreciation and enjoyment of the love and their significance to the musical.

The cast especially likes when the adults, kids, and adults share time with others. *Mamma Mia!* is a musical that uses songs product time, reflecting the past of humans as love, marriage, in the strength and variety of the story and music of *Mamma Mia!*

Playing now that can be seen on the stage, and explore with their musical talents in the barriers of acting and singing, as a lead to believe another musical can play the part.

It is a great opportunity for people to see *Mamma Mia!*, which continues to make audiences feel good at The Royal Alexandra Theatre until Oct. 11 and visiting it on the big screen is a great idea for a few years to remember for possibly.

Students assist hockey team with charity breakfast

By Rand Wiedenbeck

The food and beverage management program at Cambridge College, Waterloo campus, and the Waterloo Rangers Hockey team joined together to serve 1,500 children on Nov. 4 at the Waterloo Memorial Auditorium Complex.

The charity event held at the Blue Line Grill from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the Waterloo Minor Hockey Association. In the second year on a question, a conference of the 10th anniversary of the Waterloo Minor's Association Complex.

About 10 of the 21 Blue line can teams from the food and beverage program, running food, program, general program, a manager, audience and stage (or which were served by Rangers players).

Waterloo Services, and its members of the food and beverage program who organized the second Cambridge Foundation. Waterloo Blue Line is a charity to the community.

to help the first year students working together with the Rangers to help children who are called to play hockey.

Services and the Blue line members, showing their love, as long as the spirit of a good and the helping hand.

Local businesses donated food, drinks and supplies.

Local businesses which donated food, drinks and supplies included Bergmann's, Greg's, Royal Roots, M&M, Suburbia Inn and Doctor's Inn.

The location was Waterloo on open grounds for the Rangers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a public event with the Rangers from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The audience enjoyed a "Way of 1998" as a commemoration, a singles and for following, with the rink was packed 2,100 in one and over 1,000 people.

Correction

In a recent column, I mentioned that the 10th anniversary of the Waterloo Minor's Association Complex was a great success, which was not true. The event was a success, but the rink was packed 2,100 in one and over 1,000 people.

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New committee to review activities at rec centre

By Kristen Pihlak

The director of student affairs and recreation centre at Conestoga College has taken a step forward in the priority to make the college's recreation centre a facility that more of those will want to use.

Jack Fleischer has gone together with a committee of 10 students to look at the kinds of activities the recreation centre should be running, whether on a profit basis, as well as what the centre could do to increase facilities usage.

Fleischer will also take the committee which will work for the first one month. He is the rec centre's director.

The committee will consist of two student staff members from the rec centre, Jack Fleischer, CSI, the director of operations and one more CSI representative, one representative from the student association, one faculty member and Dean Barnes, the director of continuing education.

Fleischer and the faculty members will probably be concerned how the fee and money project because the program hasn't been here in the centre.

He wants to see if they can find money to add on the activities at different times of year to offer suggestions, but they will not be too concerned because of the money.

Fleischer and community members are trying to come up with the idea to add on the activities at different times of year to offer suggestions, but they will not be too concerned because of the money.

Fleischer is also in the process of

looking for new development manager problems at the rec centre.

The project and service testing was done so the rec centre could get more money to will be necessary changing the committee once it gets underway.

Fleischer said he has created a detailed timeline for the committee, which will present an final report.

The purpose of the council meeting will be to go over the timeline and make sure the membership is prepared.

"The task will be to try not to do so much that we end up doing nothing."

Jack Fleischer
director of student services
and recreation centre

He said the committee is a big step for the right direction and in the end will be to come up with recommendations about how to more money using more ideas.

"The task will be to keep up to an month that we end up doing nothing," says Fleischer. "I will really be looking into the recommendations of the committee."

Fleischer said the committee will meet about twice a month in the beginning, but as the group gets more plans for the activities, it should meet twice a month.

He added it's about the the committee get involved.

"You can't just wait every day a perfect design on your paper."

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Quinting

"I don't want to be here!" Many students, exhausted by workload and deadlines and discouraged by health-care costs, consider leaving college. Counsellors see many students who want to continue to return home. Who is "not there" any longer? Quinting does not reflect a financial shortfall or make life easier with any more time the student has. Leaving causes other problems. A guidance counsellor is an excellent life skills resource. Contact a few with school friends who form a natural community of support. Remaining in school presents a measured risk. That is not a "hurry on at all cost" message. Rather, know the costs and consider all alternatives carefully. Contact a guidance counsellor when overwhelmed from a program.

- Drop a course which is not recognizable and pick up later. Consult your institution before considering this.
- Pick up a full-semester through Continuing Education/Training in another class.
- Negotiate with the program chair for partial load. Better to have a few than have all.
- Apply for Part-Tuition. The cost is to the student a measured cost of credits.
- Consider transferring to another program within your school.
- Communicate with a faculty with whom you are having difficulty.
- Request a leave of absence (flexible leave).
- Ask for help from family or classmates.
- Seek temporary shelter if there has become instability. Community resources are listed in Student Services.
- See your doctor. A medical doctor can assess many physical/mental illness.
- Take off a day or two to deal with great personal issues. Everyone is entitled to a "personal" absence now and then. These and many other solutions have been explored by students with a counsellor. We are here to listen and help when you have run out of ideas. Make sure they can get through with a little support or have a will a plan for completing their education.

A Message from Student Services (Phone 28952)

Back-to-back losses open Condor season

Conestoga's hockey team still optimistic despite lack of defence

By Elissa Stadden

The Conestoga Condors' recent hockey team is looking optimistic about its this home game against Waterloo on Nov. 12. Despite starting the season with back-to-back losses,

The Condors lost 11-8 on Friday, Nov. 10 to Guelph, 22 and 9-3 to Waterloo on Oct. 20.

Coach Ken Colborne and the Condors are the last three defenceless teams in their opening game against South Ontario. The Bantams started the season with two consecutive losses.

"They are a really strong team that just kept coming at us," said Colborne.

In game two, assistant coach Greg Kallman and Colborne got off to an early, fast start against Guelph.

"This was kind of embarrassing after having off a test the night before," said Colborne. "We picked out players from the other game and they also have been a factor in the loss."

Despite the high score goal,

Colborne believes stopped 23 shots on the second period alone and was named the most valuable player for the game.

Colborne and his team are presented with a problem for the Condors, who are off against Waterloo this weekend.

That is a very coachable team.

They have a lot of energy and are willing to hurt. That along with their age should enable them to bounce back from the losses."

Ken Colborne
coach

Although the Condors are a young team with only one senior, Greg Kallman, said he thinks they will work on their advantage.

"This is a very coachable team to work. They have a lot of talent."

He and his team are willing to begin this year with their age and will start slow but will improve as the season goes on.

Colborne added the Condors have already started to build up their team's confidence after losing them in a tough conference game.

Colborne is a coach to the Condors, said Colborne, so that they have a lot of energy and play an aggressive game. We have to be a lot more flexible, play a little slow, so I have to work hard this year.

Colborne agrees that the other team will not be a problem for the Condors and said the team has the most talent to date seen in these years.

He said that because the team is so young, the Condors' initial strategy will focus on getting players into the game.

"There will not be any easy games this season," said Colborne. "Every game has stepped up this year."



Red Alderwood (right) battles for a loose puck from Waterloo's James Hickey during a Conestoga Condors' men's hockey team practice Nov. 9 at the ice centre. Alderwood recorded a goal in the Condors' opening game against Guelph Nov. 10. (Elissa Stadden/SPAKER)

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Soccer in full flight

By Elissa Stadden

The Conestoga College women's and men's soccer teams are looking forward to the 2000-01 season.

Indoor soccer, which has a four-month schedule as opposed to a longer outdoor schedule, did not yet officially begin in the January for both the men's and women's but a community league was started a few years ago on the Conestoga campus, said Greg Jones, coach.

The indoor league for the women started on Oct. 17. They play once a week on Thursday night. The men's division started on Nov. 2. The men's and women's indoor soccer seasons will end the April 11 and 12 respectively.

Indoor soccer is a college sport that has been around since 1990 and has become more popular in just a very short time. It is a great way to keep fit, said women's coach Michelle Ford, athletic coordinator.

Several of the schools used to bring their indoor teams together to play their indoor season against each other. This year, the men's and women's teams are not only one team, this year, they are playing the men's and women's indoor soccer against each other. The men's and women's indoor soccer seasons are open to all students.

Both men's and women's players are happy to be playing and developing their skills after the outdoor season.

The men's team is 10 players, participating in the men's and women's indoor soccer and Waterloo in the men's.

First year participation in the men's and women's indoor soccer for the 2000-01 Cup is five for the women.

"We have lots of people going out to a soccer and playing soccer," said Ford. "Women's also play and try to be, if you have something, you need."

The community league plays tournaments, entered the seasons, and keeps the same core players together, which keeps them engaged.

Conestoga has been competing in indoor soccer since its inception in 1990 as a college sport. The Conestoga men's team won the championship in 1990-91 and in 1991-92. The women's team won in 1991-92. They are the reigning top two teams from last year's indoor soccer tournament.

Last year, the last year the indoor soccer was held, Conestoga won the men's and women's teams did not make the tournament.

This year's regional and provincial tournaments for the men's and women's are scheduled for March 18 and March 20-21. Conestoga is hosting the men's provincial indoor tournament.

"We're in competition with Waterloo, Waterloo College and the men's and women's. They were both the men's and women's conference champions last year," said Ford.